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TAGS: OVIP (GILMAN, BENJAMIN A.)

SUBJECT: PROPOSED CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL

REFS: (A) MOSCOW 1864; (B) MOSCOW 1886

1. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS POSED REF (A): (A) GILMAN IS MAKING TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH TRAVEL AGENCY AS TOURIST, BUT TRIP IS OFFICIAL. DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS ALL FOREIGN TRAVEL BY CONGRESSMEN TO BE OFFICIAL TRAVEL. (B) EMBASSY SHOULD NOT RPT NOT MAKE HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR GILMAN AND BREITENBERG. (C) ARRIVAL FLIGHT INFORMATION NOT YET KNOWN.

2. IN RESPONSE TO REF (B): (A) DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS GILMAN AND BREITENBERG TRAVEL OFFICIAL AS INDICATED PARA 1 ABOVE. (B) ACCORDING TO BREITENBERG, GILMAN IS GENERALLY INTERESTED IN VOA AND FOREIGN BROADCASTING  
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IN LIGHT OF HIS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE EXPERIENCE; BREITENBERG WAS NOT MORE SPECIFIC. (C) GILMAN AND BREITENBERG DID NOT REQUEST ANY WASHINGTON BRIEFINGS ABOUT VOA; (D) BREITENBERG DISCUSSION AT SOVIET EMBASSY WAS WITH CONSUL KRUGLOV, AND HE HOPES TO MEET WITH SOVIET EMBASSY CHANCERY OFFICER FEB. 10. CONVERSATION WITH KRUGLOV CONCERNED GILMAN'S INTERESTS AND REQUESTS

FOR APPOINTMENTS. (E) ALL APPOINTMENTS SHOULD BE FOR BOTH GILMAN AND BREITENBERG TOGETHER.

3. GILMAN DEPARTED FEB. 9 FOR GENEVA. DEPARTMENT JUST LEARNED THAT GILMAN ALSO PLANS TO VISIT UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION IN BERN, AND WILL BE MEETING WITH VARIOUS OFFICIALS INCLUDING SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES. AS NOTED PREVIOUSLY, GILMAN IS MEMBER OF POST OFFICE AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE.  
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